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SUBJ: MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER

REF: COLOMBO 1757

FOR AMBASSADOR

1. FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT WITH PRIME MINISTER, WE ARE REPEATING SEPTTEL WHICH WILL GIVE YOU GOOD RUNDOWN ON BREZHNEV VISIT. USING IT AND THE ITEMS CARRIED IN THE WIRELESS FILE, YOU MIGHT LIKE TO GIVE PRIME MINISTER FEEL FOR WHAT TOOK PLACE AT SUMMIT.
2. WE HAVE ALSO SENT BY SEPTTEL A MEMCON BETWEEN RODGER DAVIES AND DE ALWIS OF SRI LANKA EMBASSY ON SUBJECT OF INDIAN OCEAN PEACE PROPOSAL. AS YOU WILL SEE, WE CONTINUE TO HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT SUCH PROPOSALS WHEN THEY PERTAIN TO ONLY A NARROW PORTION OF THE HIGH SEAS.
3. SHOULD THE OCCASION ARISE, YOU MIGHT SOUND OUT THE PRIME MINISTER ON HER VIEWS OF THE UPCOMING NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE.

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SITUATION STILL VERY UNCLEAR. UNDER PRESENT BAN ON

VEGOIL EXPORT WE CANNOT PROVIDE THAT COMMODITY FOR CARE

PROGRAM IN SRI LANKA (FFP WILL BE SENDING FULL
EXPLANATION). SQUEEZE ON WHEAT CONTINUES. WE ARE
AWARE AT THIS END HOW IMPORTANT THESE ISSUES ARE TO YOU
AND ASSURE YOU THAT WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN
TO PRODUCE. RUSH

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